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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ADOPT BUILDING
CODES THAT PRESERVE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has designed and
2 implemented special area plans for particular neighborhoods and
3 towns throughout the State, including:

- 4 (1) Ewa Villages Master Plan in 1992;
- 5 (2) Waipahu Town Plan in 1995;
- 6 (3) Waipahu Livable Communities Initiative in 1998;
- 7 (4) Kalaeloa Redevelopment Plan in 2000;
- 8 (5) Aiea-Pearl City Livable Communities Plan in 2004;
- 9 (6) Kalihi-Palama Action Plan in 2004;
- 10 (7) Waialua Town Master Plan in 2005;
- 11 (8) Kahaluu Community Master Plan in 2007;
- 12 (9) Waimanalo Community Business Center Study in 2008;
- 13 (10) Kaneohe Town Plan in 2009;
- 14 (11) Makaha Special Area Plan in 2009; and
- 15 (12) Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Master Plan in 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has adopted urban
17 design plans to further develop residential and professional
18 areas on Oahu, including:

- 19 (1) Wahiawa Urban Design Plan in 1998;
- 20 (2) Kapolei Urban Design Plan in 2007;



1 (3) Mehana Design Guidelines in 2008; and

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3 (4) University of Hawaii West Oahu Non-campus Lands Urban
4 Design Plan in 2011; and

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6 WHEREAS, special area plans provide communities with the
7 opportunity to define the identity, function, organization, and
8 character of their specific neighborhoods in accordance with the
9 general planning framework provided by the neighborhood
10 development plan or sustainable communities plan; and

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12 WHEREAS, an urban design plan is typically required as a
13 condition of a zoning change approval for larger areas of land;
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16 WHEREAS, an urban design plan provides a framework for site
17 planning, land use, circulation, and infrastructure; and

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19 WHEREAS, many urban design plans are the result of
20 collaborative community meetings, general community input, and
21 research from various reports by task forces; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Wahiawa Urban Design Plan is based on multiple
24 sources and forms of community-based contribution, including:

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26 (1) Review of the Wahiawa Town Master Plan in 1994;

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28 (2) Wahiawa's Central Oahu Development Plan revision
29 program;

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31 (3) Input from the first meeting of the task force
32 convened in 1996 to design the Wahiawa Urban Design
33 Plan; and

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35 (4) Comments and input from task force members that had
36 visited and explored the site; and

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38 WHEREAS, an urban design plan is primarily intended to
39 balance the practical issues involved in development and
40 redevelopment of an area with the over-arching goal of
41 maintaining the area's unique identity; and
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1 WHEREAS, the model of urban plan design is malleable enough
2 such that small rural town communities may create an urban plan
3 that fulfills the needs of its residents while preserving and
4 encouraging structural restoration of its historic identity; and
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6 WHEREAS, landscape designs coordinated with existing
7 architectural themes provide a strong foundation for an urban
8 design plan intended to powerfully reflect the historic identity
9 of a rural town; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
13 that the City and County of Honolulu adopt building codes that
14 preserve historic architecture; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the City and County of
19 Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Planning and
20 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.
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OFFERED BY:




